during 1997-98, railway-wise is given as under:—

Railway	Transferred Tickets Detected.	Amount realised (in lakhs)
Central	4884	14.97
Eastern	187	0.90
Northern	1231	4.28
North Eastern	16	0.25
Northeast Frontier	47	0.58
Southern	4681	20.68
South Central	2132	13.08
South Eastern	691	3.02
Western	5226	26.74
Total	19095	84.50

Inquiry Report by CRS on the accident near Firozabad

1184. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS), Northern Circle has submitted his Enquiry Report on the railway accident near Firozabad on August 20, 1995;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations made in the Report; and

(c) the details of those being implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Recommendations made by the Commissioner of Railway Safety related, inter alia, to track circuiting; of aspect of loop line stations; recruitment, working and training of switchmen; battery-operated flasher type tail lamps; position of SLR coaches; disposal of dead bodies; maintenance of speed recorders; availability of emergency litting kit box, raising of speed of trains, working of guards; working of safety organisation; and high priority for signalling safety works, etc.

(c) Recommendations of the Commissioner of Railway Safety are in various stages of implementation.

East Coast Railway Zone

1185. SHRI NARENDRA PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the East Coast Railway Zone with its head quarters at Bhubaneswar inaugurated in 1996 has become functional; and

(b) if so, the jurisdiction of this zone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The East Coast Railway Zone has been inaugurated on 8.8.1996. An Officer-on-Special Duty (OSD) has been posted. Some specific activities of Khurda Road Division have been taken over by this Zone with effect from 15.5.1997.

(b) The detailed territorial jurisdiction of this zone has not yet been finalised.

Gauge Conversion in Andhra Pradesh

1186. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are completing any gauge conversion works in Andhra Pradesh in 1997-98;

(b) the details of on-going work in gauge conversion in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the new gauge conversion works to be taken up in 1998-99; and

(d) full details of funds earmarked for this purpose in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir. The gauge conversion of Mahbubnagar-Dronachellam section has been completed in 1997-98

The following are the details of ongoing gauge conversion works in Andhra Pradesh:

(i) Tirupati-Pakala-Katpadi Section

Work is making good progress and the section is presently targeted for completion in December, 2000, subject to availability of resources.

(ii) Mudkhed-Adilabad Section (partly in Andhra Pradesh)

Work has been taken up under the Build-Own-Lease-Transfer (BOLT) Scheme and is expected to be completed in about one year's time from now.

(iii) Guntur-Guntakal and Guntakal-Kalluru with lifting of Kalluru-Dharmavaram MG section

The gauge conversion of Guntur-Guntakal section has been completed. Land acquisition proceeding for new line portion from Pendekallu-Gooty are in progress and work will be started once land becomes available. Work on Kalluru-Dharmavaram will be taken up alongwith Dharmavaram-Pakala in due course.

(iv) Secunderabad-Mudkhed and Jankampet-Bodhan Section
(Partly in Maharashtra)
The requisite clearances for this work have been obtained.

Preliminary arrangements for commencing the work are on hand.

(v) Dharmavaram-Pakala section

The work would be taken up after the requisite clearances have been obtained

(vi) Naupada-Gunupur section

The work would be taken up after the requisite clearances have been obtained.

(c) No new gauge conversion works in Andhra Pradesh have been included in Budget, 1998-99. However, it is expected that work on gauge conversion of Dharmavaram-Pakala and Naupada-Gunupur sections will be started in 1998-99 after the requisite clearances have been obtained.

(d) The total funds required for completion of the two projects in Rs. 247 crores, which is the cost of the works at current prices.

अजमेर रेलवे स्टेशन पर निकास मार्ग, प्लेटफार्म व बुकिंग कार्यालय का निर्माण

1187. **श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि अजमेर के मुख्य रेलवे स्टेशन पर यात्रियों की भीड़ तथा "उर्स" व "पुष्कर" तीर्थ यात्रियों की बढ़ती हुई संख्या को देखते हुए क्या सरकार तोपदड़ा, पालबीचला की ओर एक प्लेटफार्म व निकास-मार्ग का निर्माण करने और बुकिंग की व्यवस्था करने का विचार रखती है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक): अजमेर रेलवे स्टेशन में पर्याप्त बुकिंग काऊंटर तथा वितरण सुविधाएं उपलब्ध हैं, जैसे सभी प्लेटफार्म को जोड़ने वाले दो ऊपरी पैदल पुल हैं और एक पुल उत्तर में परिचालन क्षेत्र के ओर उतरता है. प्लेटफार्म 1 और 2/3 पर सायबान वाले पांच प्लेटफार्म उपलब्ध हैं। प्लेटफार्म 4/5 पर सायबानों की व्यवस्था को 51.65 लाख रु० की लागत पर अनुमोदित कर दिया गया है। अजमेर में तीर्थ यात्रियों की अत्यधिक भीड़-भाड़ की आवश्यकता को पूरा करने के लिए ये स्थायी उपाय पर्याप्त हैं। अतः फिलहाल ऐसा कोई प्रणस्ताव नहीं है.

Amount Spent on Signalling for safe running

1188. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

the amount spent for technological inputs in the area of signalling for safe running for the last three years and their percentage out of total rail budgets during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, (SHRI RAM NAIK): A statement is attached.